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1. CENTRAL PRESS MARCH 5 FRONTPAGES BRIEF REPORT OF MARCH 4

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MEETING OF "HEADS OF DELEGATIONS OF A NUMBER OF COMMUNIST
AND WORKERS' PARTIES OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" WITH BREZHNEV

AND CPSU CC POLITBURO FULL AND CANDIDATE MEMBERS AND SECRETARIES. ATTENDING WERE ZHIVKOV, KADAR, LE DUAN, HONECKER, CASTRO, TSEDENBAL, GIEREK, CEAUSESCU, HUSAK AND DOLANC. REPORT SAYS MEETING TOOK PLACE IN "CORDIAL, FRATERNAL ATMOSPHERE."

2. COMMENT. THERE IS NO PICTURE, BUT SOVIETS HAVE MANAGED TO GROUP THE LEADERS OF EVERY "SOCIALIST" COUNTRY ATTENDING THE CONGRESS, I.E., EVERY STATE IN THE WORLD THE SOVIETS FORMALLY CONSIDER COMMUNIST OR BORDERLINE EXCEPT FOR THE PRC, DPRK, AND ALBANIA, AROUND BREZHNEV FOR THE CONGRESS FINALE. DOLANC'S ATTENDANCE IS STRIKING, AND MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO KEEP THE YUGOSLAV EAST-WEST BALANCE LEVEL AFTER THIS SPEECH ON INDEPENDENCE AND NON-ALIGNMENT FROM THE SOVIET PODIUM. MEETING ALSO REPRESENTS A STEP UP IN COMPARISON WITH 24TH CONGRESS IN 1971, WHEN ONLY INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH LEADERS TOOK PLACE (ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS). IN OUR VIEW, IT DEMONSTRATES THAT SOVIETS ARE PAYING MORE ATTENTION TO "WORLD SOCIALIST COMMUNITY," FOR ITSELF AND AS COUNTERBALANCE TO INCREASING DIVERSITY WITHIN IT, I.E., BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO.
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